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ACTION AID-59

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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6154

INFO AMEMBASSY NIAMEY IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY BAMAKO PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY ROME

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AFDROUGHT

ROME PASS FODAG

ABIDJAN PASS REDSO

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAID, DM, ML

SUBJECT: COTONOU-GAO CONVOY

REF: A) STATE 0957973 B) COTONOU 0714

C) BAMAKO 1143

1. AIDOFF HAS JUST LEARNED FROM OCDN/COTONOU THAT COTONOU-GAO CONVOY DEPARTED PARAKOU MAY 9 ON ORDERS FROM INTRADEP CONTRACT ENGINEER FOFANA. AS REPORTED REF (B), EMBASSY TOLD SACOTRA/OCDN TO HOLD SCHEDULED CONVOY OF 200 MT AT PARAKOU. WITHOUT EVER CALLING AT EMBASSY, FOFANA PROCEEDED TO PARAKOU, WHERE
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HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE INFORMED OCDN OFFICIALS

THAT HE HAD ASSIGNMENT TO PERFORM ROAD RECON-
NAISSANCE AND HAD RECEIVED NO ORDERS TO DELAY DEPART-
URE. SOURCES HERE REPORT HE THEREUPON UNILATERALLY
COUNTERMANNED EMBASSY HOLD ORDER AND CONVOY OF 115 MT
DEPARTED FOR GAO. BALANCE 85 MT OF INITIAL 200 MT
SHIPMENT STILL IN PARAKOU.

2. WE HAVE ASKED THAT OCDN DIRECTOR DO REGO,
WHO NOW IN NIAMEY, ATTEMPT INTERDICT CONVOY ON ITS
ARRIVAL NIAMEY. URGE ADO CONTACT DO REGO FOR STATUS
REPORT.

3. UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY, WE INSTRUCTING
SACOTRA THAT ANY TRUCKS ALREADY LOADED AND WAITING
PARAKOU SHOULD
PROCEED NIAMEY FOR NIGER DISTRIBUTION.
IN LIGHT OF BAMAKO 1143, THERE SEEMS LITTLE TO BE
GAINED FROM TYING UP BADLY NEEDED TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT
WAITING FOR RETURN ITINERANT MINDEF DOUKARA. WE CAN
CRANK UP ANOTHER CONVOY WHEN AND IF GREEN LIGHT GIVEN
FROM BAMAKO.

COMMENT: OCCURS TO US THAT FOFANA'S PRECIPITOUS AC-
TION COULD PROVE ADVANTAGEOUS. IF HE IS ABLE TO MOVE
CONVOY TO GAO, DOUKARA'S ARGUMENTS AGAINST USING
ROUTE PRESUMABLY WOULD BE WEAKENED.
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